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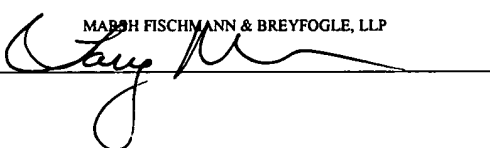
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of May 26, 2005.

Enclosed herewith is a petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from August 26, 2005 to September 26, 2005, as well as a check in the amount of \$120.00 as the fee for such extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: